

And the thirtieth and last section declares that, if the majority of the voters of any county shall be against the establishment of Primary Schools, "then and in that case, the said act shall be void as to that county."

#### AMENDMENTS SUGGESTED.

From the discussions which have engaged the public attention upon this interesting topic, certain modifications of the school law would seem to be demanded by the general voice; some of these are contained, substantially, in a circular address which the Superintendent deemed it proper to transmit to the Commissioners of Primary Schools, as appears in exhibit (C); and he also transmitted the recommendation, contained in exhibit (D), as a measure important to the "economy of the system," and eminently essential to its beneficial operation.

In addition to these amendments and modifications, it is also proposed to vest a power, for the condemnation of a school lot, where a suitable site cannot be purchased, or otherwise obtained on reasonable terms.

The Superintendent would respectfully submit these amendments to the superior wisdom of the Legislature; and he would also suggest, that it be made the duty of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to provide and supply to the school districts, and civil officers of the State, from time to time as many copies of the several acts concerning schools, with proper instructions for carrying the same into effect, as may be deemed necessary for the due understanding and efficient action of this munificent institution.

#### REVENUE.

The funds arising under the act, entitled, "an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road leading to Cumberland, and for the extension of the charters of the several Banks in the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes," and its several supplements, have been apportioned among the counties in equal sums, without regard to territorial extent, or the number of their population; and as relates to those funds, the same rule of apportionment is reserved under the act of December session, 1825, ch. 162; and this is also made to apply to the funds arising under the acts of December session, 1817, chs. 16 and 33, as is provided under the said acts; which funds however, it may be remarked, have heretofore been suffered to accumulate in the Treasury in